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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of National Estimates

SUBJECT : Forthcoming Conference with the Assistant Secretary
of Defense (Systems Analysis)

1. This is to confirm that Alain Enthoven has accepted your invitation to confer and lunch with us next week. He and 3 or 4 of his assistants plan to arrive here at 11 a.m. Wednesday, 27 July, and to leave again after lunch, no later than 1:30 p.m.

2. This meeting continues the series of fruitful discussions between us and the Systems Analysis people which began several years ago. We have timed it this year to inaugurate, as it were, the annual series of major Soviet military estimates and the succeeding National Intelligence Projections for Planning. As you know, Systems Analysis people are important users of these estimates, and the NIPP was initiated at their specific request.

3. At our meeting next week, we have invited Enthoven and his assistants to express their current needs and interests, and to speak to the following topics:

a. The substantive questions about Soviet military forces, weapons systems, and capabilities which are of particular current concern to Systems Analysis;

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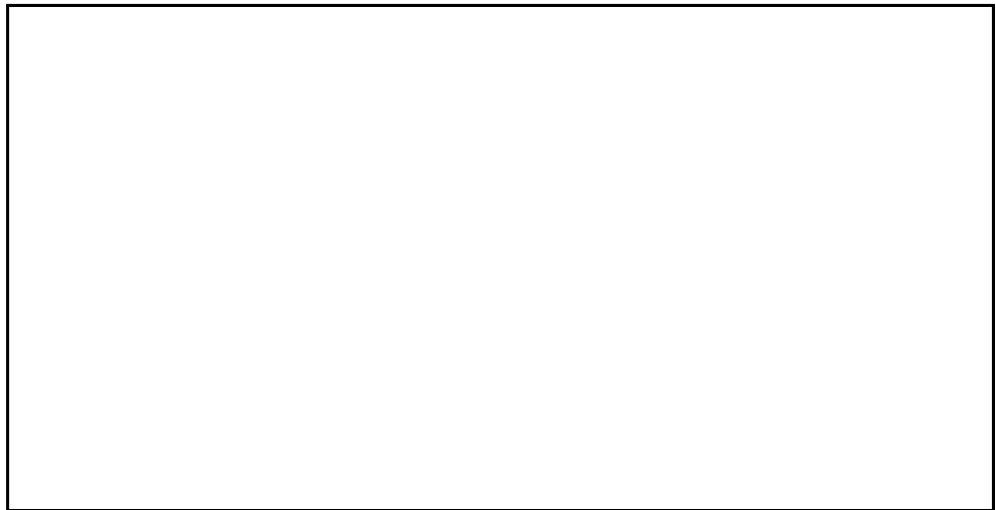
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b. Their critique of NIPP '66, including any comments they wish to make on substance, methodology, format, and scheduling;

c. Finally, we hope to have some general conversation on the way in which the NIPP project and the efforts the CIA/DIA Joint Analysis Group can best supplement each other in meeting the needs of OSD planners.

4. We are inviting to this meeting Agency officials who play a key role in estimative work in this field:



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5. Two members of my staff with managerial responsibility for the NIPP will also attend the meeting. You will need to invite a smaller group to join you and Enthoven at lunch.



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